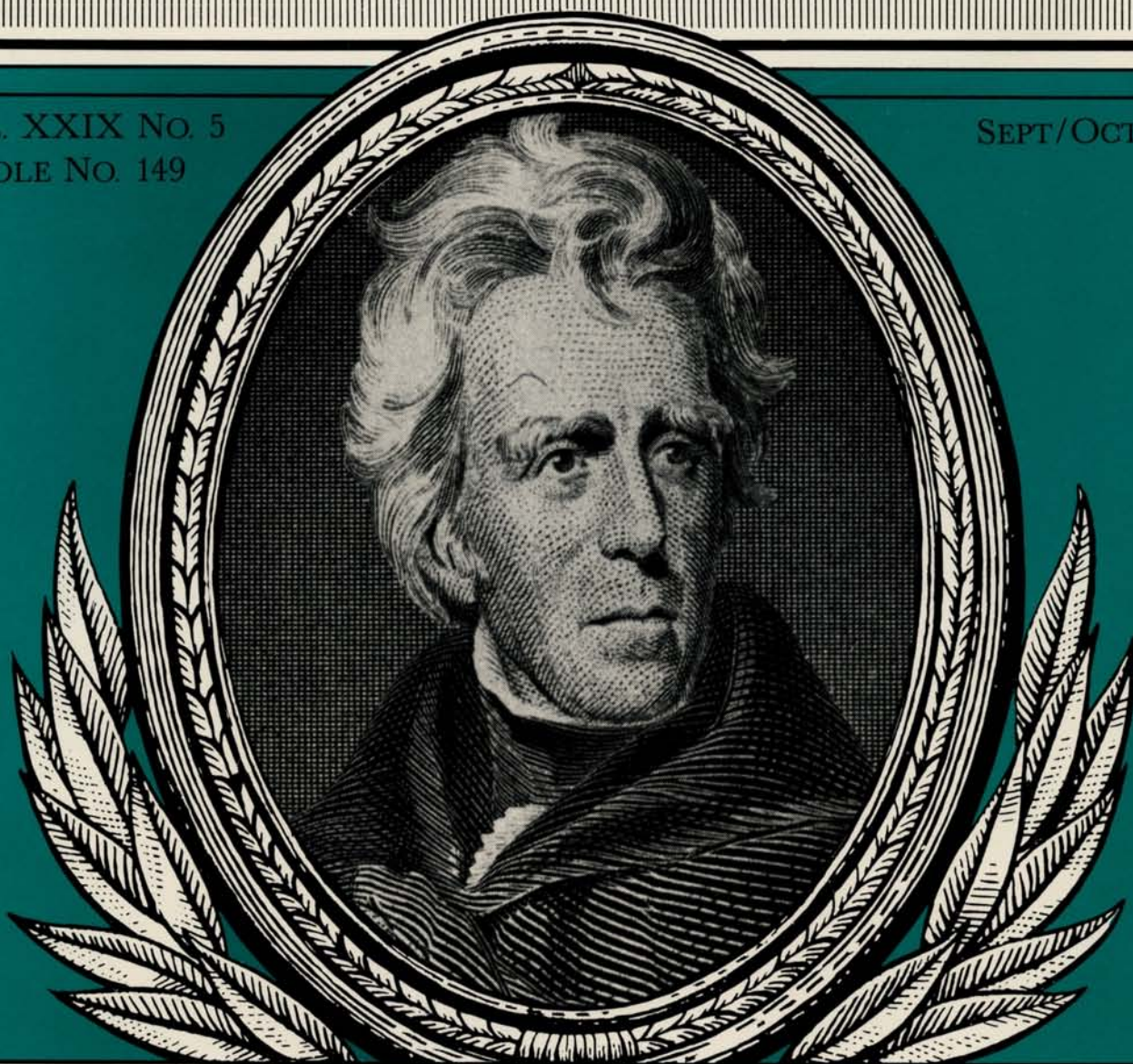


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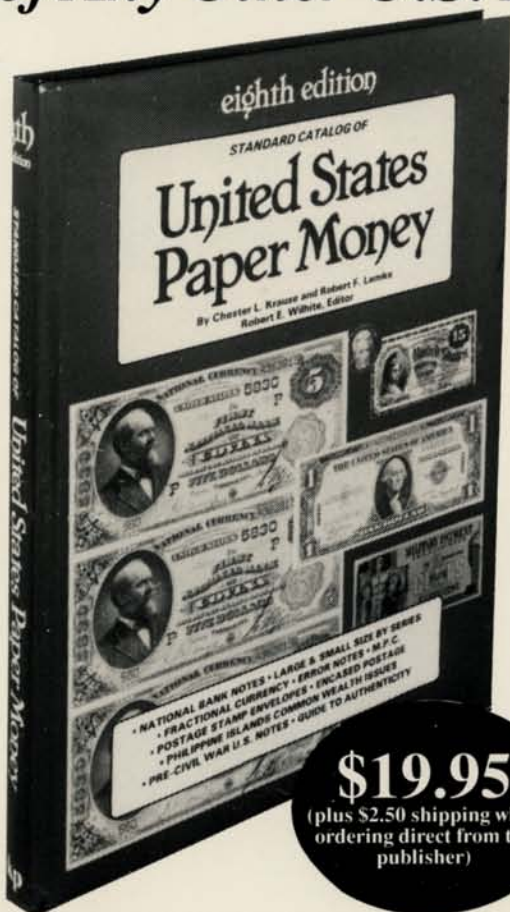
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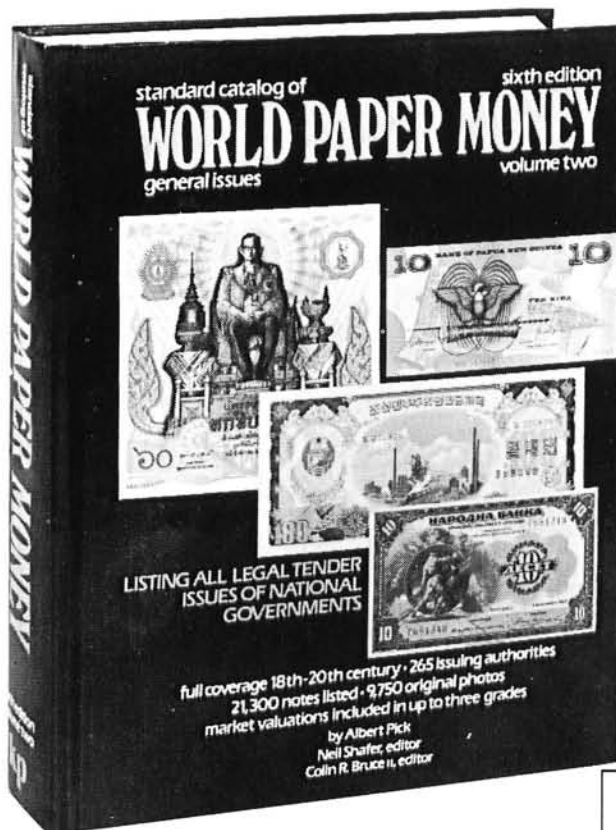
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Obsolete Notes & Scrip

by STEVEN WHITFIELD

THIS update is intended to be a supplement to the 1980 SPMC book on Kansas Obsolete Notes, which was published together with Indian Territory and Oklahoma Obsolete Notes and Scrip by Maurice Burgett.

Since the book was published additional information and several new Kansas notes have surfaced. This is mostly what I call "back of the book" material, such as advertising, college and depression scrip. This new information should help to make the history of Kansas obsolete currency as complete as possible. In addition, an excellent new book on the 1930s issues of depression scrip has been written by Ralph Mitchell and Neil Shafer. Their catalog has provided significant new data on the Kansas notes of that period.

And finally, because of a special interest in the genuine banks and bankers of the obsolete note issuing period, I have included fifteen years of census information on the signed and unsigned notes of the early Kansas banks. Information

on the number ranges of notes with machine stamped serial numbers is also included.

NOTE PRINTERS and BANKERS

One new (pre-1875) printer of Kansas obsolete notes has turned up since 1980—the Kansas Tribune Print which was located at Topeka. No additional pre-1864 banks or bankers have been discovered, although some 1858 dated letters on the Citizens Bank of Leavenworth, Kansas Territory have been seen. Therefore, the 1858 date should be added to the listing on page five of the book.

It should also be noted that two notes were specifically authorized by legislation but apparently were never printed or issued. In case they ever turn up, they were a \$2 denomination from the Bank of the State of Kansas at Atchison and a \$1000 note in Kansas Union Military Scrip.

NEW NOTES AND INFORMATION

ATCHISON

THE KANSAS VALLEY BANK

Corrected information.

- 41. \$3
- 42. \$5
- 43. \$10

These notes were probably printed in orange and black rather than green and black as incorrectly reported in the 1980 SPMC listing. Numbers 56, 57, and 58, Bank of the State of Kansas notes are green and black.

- 44. \$20

The plate for this note was prepared by the American Bank Note Company rather than Danforth, Wright & Co. as reported in 1980. The overprint on this note is orange also; not green as previously reported.

THE BANK OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Deleted note.

- 59. \$20 This note was never printed and should be removed from the listing. It had previously been assumed to exist because the \$3, \$5, and \$10 were known with the title changed from the Kansas Valley note plates after the bank changed its name. The plate arrangement was assumed to be \$3, 5, 10, 20 for the original notes and the \$20 had not been seen. The actual plate arrangement was \$5, 3, 5, 10 and this obviously was the plate changed to read Bank of the State of Kansas.

THE EXCHANGE BANK OF W. HETHERINGTON *(Illustrated on following page)*

New note.

- 32. \$1 186__ printed; balance of date to be written in. No plate letter. (L) Statue of "Freedom" as it appears on top of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.; "ONE" above. (C) Farm scene with plow horse, dogs and farm family; Green "1" left and right. (R) George Washington's bust in oval; "1" on rosette above. Uniface. Imprint: Edward Mendell, Chicago. R-7



One of the two notes known to exist has a spurious date of Aug. 7, 1860 and a signature, probably forged, of Wm. Hetherington. The note is not numbered. The 1860 date is spurious because the bank did not assume this title until April 1862.

DELAWARE CITY

THE DELAWARE CITY BANK

New variety.

84. \$2 July 1, 185__ printed; remainder of date to be written in. This note has been seen with red over-printed ends. Others may have been done also.

New note.

85. \$5 Dec. 20, 1854__printed date. Plate letter B. (L) "5" on fancy rosette. (C) Farmer plowing field with oxen. (R) Bust of Washington in oval; "FIVE" and "5" above. Uniface. No maker's imprint. The principal difference between this note and the Easton \$5 note (No. 95), besides the name and location, is the legend "Established on a Specie Basis" at the top. There is also a small vignette of a bear cub at the bottom center instead of a shock of wheat. R-7

The 1980 SPMC edition mentioned a then unseen \$5 note that had been listed in bank note reporters of the 1850s and 1860s. Several of these notes have surfaced since that time. Because the four notes in the 1980 listing for Delaware City were numbered consecutively, the new number had to be assigned out of its proper sequence. This note should actually fall between Nos. 82 and 83 as it bears the 1854 date.

EASTON

THE EASTON BANK

New note.

93. \$1 Sept. 20, 1855. This note is nearly identical to the 1854 Delaware City note, except for the small bear at the bottom center and omission of the claim "ESTABLISHED ON SPECIE BASIS."

This note is illustrated in Haxby under Pennsylvania, although the imprint "KANSAS T" still appears under the upper right counter. He writes that all the Kansas "Easton" notes were made from altered Delaware City, Kansas plates. He also included a listing for a \$10 note, for both Delaware City and Easton. I believe the \$10s were alterations of the \$1 notes and that no \$10s were printed.

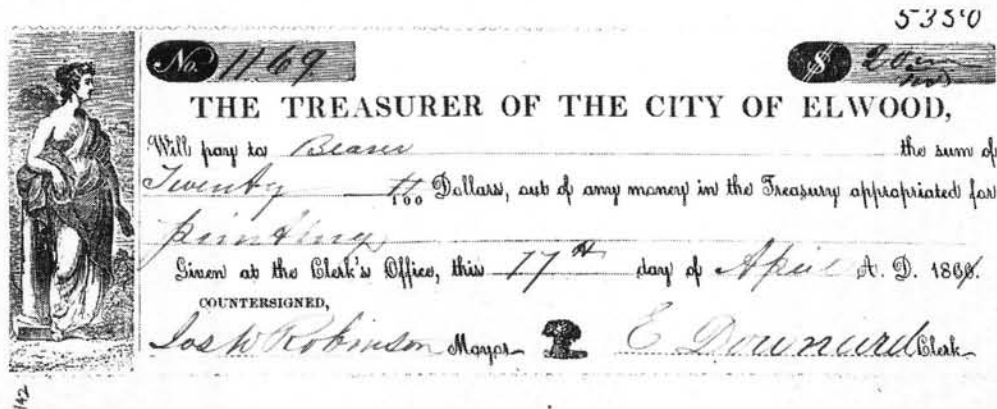
ELWOOD

CITY OF ELWOOD (Municipal Scrip)

Deleted note.

105. \$20 This note listed in the 1980 SPMC book was actually a "write in denomination" Treasurer's Warrant. Most pioneer cities and counties of Kansas issued this type of scrip and, since only printed denomination currency and scrip is included in the listing, this note and issuing town have been deleted.

(Illustrated on following page)



FORT RILEY

ROBERT WILSON, SUTLER OF FORT RILEY

New note.

140. \$1 1862. Redeemable in sums of five dollars. No further description. No notes are known. . . . R-7

Robert Wilson was the first sutler and post trader at Fort Riley. He operated a large dry goods establishment at the post from 1853 to June 27, 1863 and sold to soldiers and civilians. Wilson had been a military storekeeper and sutler at other posts including Fort Leavenworth and Council Bluffs.

In the March 20, 1862 issue of the "Smokey Hill and Republican Union," a newspaper of Junction City, the following item appeared: "Shinplasters, Colonel Wilson, Sutler at Fort Riley, has in circulation one dollar notes, redeemable in current funds when presented in sums of five dollars. The scarcity of change makes them quite a convenience."

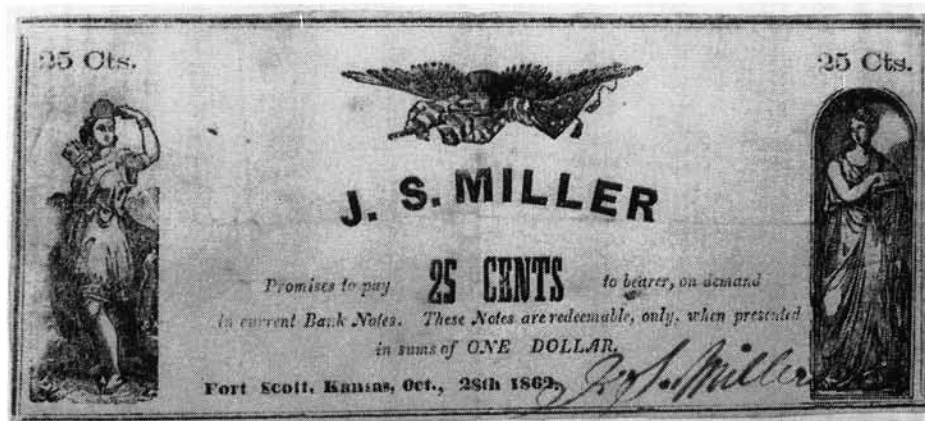
FORT SCOTT

J.S. MILLER (Merchant Scrip)

New note variety.

154. 25¢ Printed date Oct. 28, 1862. This note is nearly identical to No. 155, except for the absence of both the numbering block and the legend "State of Kansas." The date is also different. Although this unique note bears a signature "J.S. Miller," it appears not to be the same handwriting as the two signed notes known of the Nov. 10, 1862 issue. This note, because of its earlier date and "incompleteness," was probably a sample design for the actual notes issued. R-7

John S. Miller and his family came to Fort Scott on March 5, 1860 from Pennsylvania. His ancestry was Pennsylvania Dutch. He soon became active in the business affairs of Fort Scott and Bourbon County. On August 25, 1862 he was elected Mayor of the city. In 1865 he appeared in the city directory as a contractor.



WHITE & BRIDGENS (Merchant Scrip)

New issuer information.

John F. White came to Kansas from Pennsylvania in June 1858. For two years he operated George A. Crawford's general store at Trading Post. In 1860 he opened a store of his own at Fort Scott. A White & Bridgens advertisement appears in the "Fort Scott Bulletin" of August 2, 1862 as "Cheap Cash Store, WHITE & BRIDGENS, Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes." The ad is dated May 24, 1862. The firm was located on the north side of Bigler Street. John F. White later served as Treasurer for Bourbon County. By 1865 his dry goods store was the largest of its kind at Fort Scott.

"Bridgens" was probably J. Thomas Bridgens, who served as Quartermaster of the 24th Regiment of Kansas State Militia. This Regiment was formed at Fort Scott in early 1864 when Confederate General Sterling Price was threatening eastern Kansas. White & Bridgens issued merchant scrip during the Civil War. (See Fort Scott No. 165)

INDEPENDENCE**THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**

New note.

180. \$1 187__ printed, balance of date to be written in. Known date March 5, 1875. (L) Two Indians; "1" on oval above. (C) Cowboy on horse with cattle, "CITY WARRANT" above. (R) Woman feeding chickens; "1" on rosette above. Imprint: American Bank Note Co., N.Y. Back—ornate design with "1"s at left and right and "ONE" on "1" in fancy rosette in center. Note is probably green and black. R-7

Robert W. Wright was the leader of a group that founded Independence in August 1869. In May 1870 the city became the county seat for Montgomery County. A Post Office was established in July 1870 and the first railroad branch line reached Independence on January 1, 1872. After the expenditure of \$1,900 for promotional efforts, a government land office was established in March 1872. The population at the time was approximately 2,300. The first Mayor of Independence was J.B. Craig and C.M. Ralstine was City Clerk. James DeLong was Mayor when these notes were issued. Like many other cities and towns, Independence issued City Warrants during the 1870s to finance public expenditures of one sort or another. Few such issues were ever fully redeemed.

LEAVENWORTH**BEECHER & LEWIS** (Merchant Scrip)

New information.

The note listed as No. 264 in the 1980 SPMC listing was actually an advertising piece issued around 1870, similar to other facsimiles of U.S. notes. The correct spelling was "Beechler" with an "L." This note has been moved from the front section of the book to the section on "ADVERTISING SCRIP."

CLARK, GRUBER & CO.

New plate letter.

302. \$1 Plate letter "B" has surfaced. These notes were printed two to a sheet, plate letters "A" and "B"; 12,500 sheets were printed making a total issue of \$25,000. R-7

MANHATTAN**LEWIS KURTZ** (Merchant Scrip)

New note and new information.

345. \$1 1861. No description. Kurtz advertised in the "Western Kansas Express" newspaper at Manhattan on Nov. 23, 1861, "I redeem all my one dollar bills in gold or good eastern funds." This note is unknown. R-7

Lewis Kurtz opened a dry goods store in 1858 on the south side of Poyntz Avenue in Manhattan. He dealt in groceries, provisions, clothing, dry goods and "nearly everything usually kept in a first class country store." He was willing to trade for hides and other farm products and, in 1861, was advertising that he would accept "Missouri money at par" if it was presented soon. The war years brought on the usual difficulties of uncollectable accounts and a lack of small change and currency for the transaction of business.

On March 21, 1863 an article appeared in the "Smoky Hill and Republican Union" of Junction City titled, "A Reliable Currency." The article stated, "Lewis Kurtz, who advertises regularly in Junction, has made his currency legitimate and accordingly extended its circulation. Mr. Kurtz has taken out a banker's license under the Internal Revenue Law and made arrangements for the redemption of his bills at Leavenworth." Kurtz's ad, in the same issue of the paper, reported that his currency could be redeemed at his own place of business in Manhattan or at the firms of N. McCracken, and Thompson, Woodruff & Co. of Leavenworth.

On July 4, 1863 a new notice appeared in Kurtz's advertisements as follows: "My Currency is redeemable at the Banking House of Scott, Kerr & Co., Leavenworth." This notice was repeated monthly until at least November 1864.

By May 1866 Kurtz had opened a branch store in St. George, a settlement eight miles east of Manhattan on the Kansas River. He was remodelling his Manhattan store at the same time. Lewis Kurtz sold out his business interest in June 1870, after complaining publicly that certain persons had been spreading rumors regarding his "pending breakup" for the past three years. No record of his existence at Manhattan has been found after 1870.

TOPEKA

R.H. FARNHAM, BANKER (Private Banker)

New note with revised catalog numbers and new information.

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| 406. | 5¢ | "Payable in current bank notes." No change. |
| 407. | 5¢ | "Payable in current funds." No change. |
| 408. | 10¢ | "Payable in current bank notes." No change. |
| 409. | 10¢ | "Payable in current funds." No change. |
| 410. | 25¢ | "Payable in current bank notes." This is a newly listed note that replaces the old No. 410. Nearly identical to old No. 410, except for the obligation. |
| 411. | 25¢ | "Payable in current funds." This note was No. 410 in the 1980 SPMC Kansas book. |
| 412. | 50¢ | "Payable in current bank notes." New number. This note was No. 411 in the 1980 book. |
| 413. | 50¢ | "Payable in current funds." This note has not surfaced but is assumed to have been printed. |

For a long time I suspected that two completely different issues of these notes were made. One was payable in "current bank notes" and the other was to be paid in "current funds." The 25¢ note payable in "current bank notes" has finally been confirmed. Actually it was not a new note. I had simply failed to examine it carefully enough when I first saw it years ago. Since no space was left in the 1980 numbering scheme, it was necessary to change the numbers slightly in order to accommodate the new note.

Both issues apparently circulated, since one signed and issued copy of No. 408, payable in bank notes, and one signed and issued copy of No. 411, payable in current funds, are known to have survived. The signed notes bear the name of M.G. Farnham rather than the signature of Robert Farnham. All other known notes have hole punched signature spaces and appear to be samples or proofs.

Milton G. Farnham (relationship to Robert unknown) advertised in the "Topeka Tribune" on August 30, 1862 as "M.G. Farnham, Land Agent, Office in Gale's Block, Topeka. Land Warrants for sale at a small percentage on New York prices. Kansas State Scrip (issue of 1862) 85 @ 90, Territorial Scrip 50, Shawnee County Scrip 50."

Robert H. Farnham, Dealer in Real Estate, Land Warrants & Exchange, was located one door north of the old land office (this building still stands) in Leecompton as late as September 1860. The United States Land Office was moved to Topeka in September 1861. There may also have been another "Farnham" as ads for an insurance agent, "R.M. Farnham," appeared at Topeka in October 1862. However this may have been a typo for R.H. Farnham. All notes R-7

UNION MILITARY SCRIP (State Scrip)

New proof.

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| 423. | \$10 | This note has been seen in proof. Identical design to the issued \$10 No. 423, except printed in green on white. No serial number overprint. R-7 |
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SUTLER SCRIP

HARVEY SPAULDING, SUTLER OF FIRST K.C.V. (Kansas Colored Volunteers)

New note.

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| 500. | 50¢ | Hand dated June 8(?), 1863. No plate letter. (L) "25" on four pointed rosette, upper and lower. (C) Allegory of "Enterprise," seated female with trains and steamboats in the background, large overprinted "25" below. (R) Standing Indian with tomahawk and bow. Uniface. Black on white newsprint with "25"s overprinted in reddish orange. Imprint: Kansas Tribune Print. R-7 |
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Harvey Spaulding remains an unknown but the history of the First Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment is well documented. Six companies of volunteer blacks were mustered in as a battalion on January 13, 1863. Some of the recruits saw action before the unit organization when they were attacked by nearly 500 Confederates while in camp at Butler, Kansas. During the early months of 1863 four additional companies were added to fill out the Regiment which was commanded by Colonel James M. Williams. The new Regiment was first stationed at Baxter Springs, Kansas in May 1863 to protect local supply trains.

The First K.C.V. saw major action at Cabin Creek, Honey Springs and Perryville in the Choctaw Nation during 1863. In 1864, in a battle at Poison Springs, near Camden, Arkansas, the Regiment suffered heavy casualties. During that same year, a number of minor actions were fought near Little Rock and Flat Rock, Arkansas, and near Fort Gibson in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. In January 1865 the Regiment returned to Little Rock, where it remained until mustered out of service on October 1, 1865. Members of the Regiment had served their country well.



MODERN REPRODUCTIONS

THE BANK OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, ATCHISON

In 1980 *The Bank Note Reporter* issued a souvenir card to encourage subscriptions to the paper. Each new subscriber received a card. These cards were later sold individually. The American Bank Note Company produced the card from the original plate held in their archives.

\$3 Identical to No. 56, Atchison. Back—certification by ABNCo that the reprint was made in 1980.

THE KANSAS MINING COMPANY, LEAVENWORTH

This firm was incorporated in 1855 for the purpose of mining coal or other minerals in the Territory of Kansas. Among the incorporators were A.G. Woodward, H. Miles Moore, S.E. Frazer and Peter T. Abel, all prominent Kansas pioneers. Section 14 of the incorporation act in the 1855 Statutes of the Territory of Kansas allowed the firm to raise capital by issuing "bonds" in denominations of \$10 or more that were to be redeemable two years or more after the date of issue and that would bear interest not to exceed 15 percent per annum.

The American Bank Note Company reproduced this piece in 1978 as part of the Time-Life Series on the Old West. No issued copies have surfaced.

\$10 (L) Mining scene. (C) Indians shooting buffalo. (R) Hunter leaning against earth bank. Imprint: Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, Cincinnati. Back has standard "Copy" certificate.

UNION MILITARY SCRIP, TOPEKA

This reproduction was made in 1978 as part of the Time-Life Series on the Old West. The series consisted of engraved reproductions of western scenes from original plates held by the American Bank Note Company. A suitable album with narrative was also included in the monthly subscription arrangement.

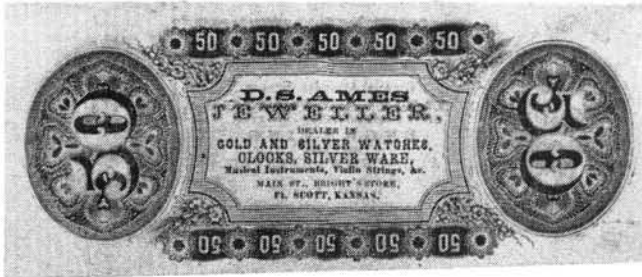
\$50 Identical to No. 425, Topeka, except for missing red serial number overprint and signature of the Treasurer. Back has standard "Copy" certificate.

KANSAS MISCELLANEOUS SCRIP

ADVERTISING SCRIP

1. **D.S. AMES**, Jeweler at Fort Scott. "50."
2. **M. NEWMARK & CO.**, Dealer in dry goods at Lawrence. "50."

Note: Both of the above notes are obviously patterned after the third issue, 50¢ U.S. Fractional Currency note, 1864-1869. Similar notes are known from other states with 1873 and 1874 dates.



3. **BEECHLER & LEWIS**, Boots & Shoes, Leavenworth.

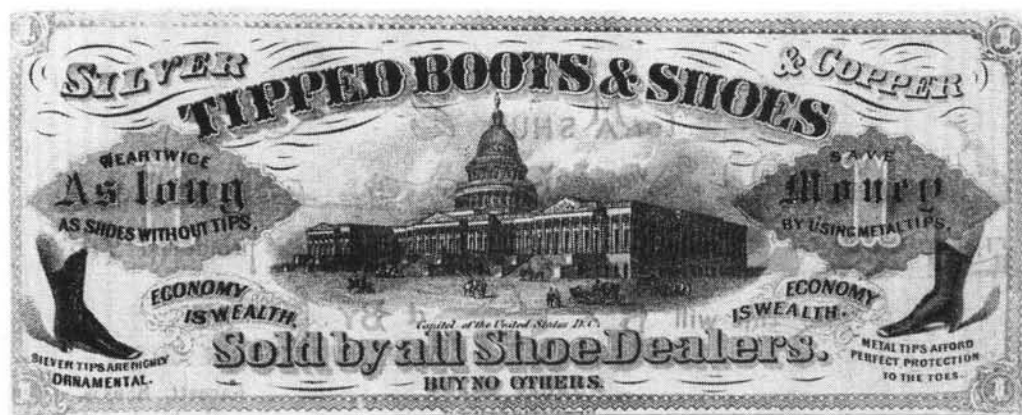
"3" Facsimile, U.S. Currency, circa 1870. This note was listed in the 1980 SPMC book under Leavenworth as No. 264. It was also spelled incorrectly as "BEECHER," without the "L". R-7

This firm made and sold boots and shoes. Mr. Lewis joined the firm around 1870-71. As early as 1862 Casper Beechler advertised a "Boot and Shoe Manufactory" located at 54 Delaware Street. The ads continued under his name alone until the 1870 issue of *Merwin's Leavenworth City Directory*, when Mrs. Beechler was listed as the sole proprietor. Apparently Mr. Beechler had passed away. In the 1871 *Directory of Callis, Lynch & Edges* the firm is advertised as "Beechler & Lewis, Boots & Shoes" with a new address at 226 Leavenworth Street. Mrs. Beechler resided upstairs.

4. **M.D. CALKINS & CO'S.**, Dealer in shoes at Garnett.

"1" Not dated. Circa 1870s. No plate letter. (L) Tipped boot below. (C) "Capitol of the United States, D.C." (R) Tipped boot. Legend—"Silver and Copper Tipped Boots & Shoes." Green and black on white. Back—rebus that works out as "Information to all parents. Be sure to always purchase silver tipped boots and shoes. They last three times longer than shoes not protected with tips. All this will be explained by calling at (name of dealer)."

This type of note has also appeared from several other states. The Kansas piece has a stamp reading "If not called for in 10 days, return to W. Swaty, Dealer in Books and Stationery, No. 29 Tappan Hall, Oberlin, Ohio." R-7



(The back is illustrated on following page)



5. **ULMER SMITH & CO.**, Furniture Dealer, Independence.

"3" Circa 1870. This is also a generic piece of advertising scrip seen from other states, done as facsimile U.S. currency around 1869-70. Printed "Act of May 10th, 1869." Plate "D," serial No. 37963. (L) Liberty statue appearing on Capitol dome. (C) Large green "3" overprint. (R) Man's portrait in oval, "3" on rosette above. Red pointed seal with imprint "Novelty Adv. Co. Pub'l. New York." Back—ornate lathework design with large "X" on both sides of a rectangle containing instructions. R-7

Samuel H. Ulmer came to Kansas from Ohio in May 1856. He first worked in the furniture manufacturing business of J.L. Abernathy at Leavenworth, then moved to Lawrence. He later lived at Osage Mission and finally moved to Independence in April 1870, where he established the first furniture store in that town. Sam Ulmer left Kansas in 1872 or 1873. The Ulmer Furniture Store was still doing business at Independence in 1912.

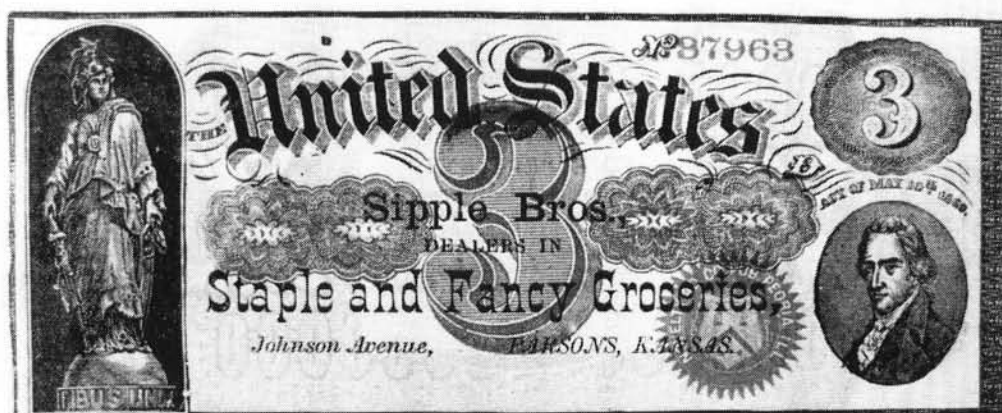


6. **SIPPLE BROS.**, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Parsons.

"3". This firm was located on Johnson Avenue in Parsons. The note is identical to the Ulmer Smith note listed as No. 5 above, except that the publisher's location appears to be Peoria, Illinois, rather than New York. . R-7

John I. and W.H. Sipple, brothers, came to Kansas from Kentucky in 1868. They originally went into the grocery business at Fontana and later conducted a railroad supply business south of Junction City on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad until November 1870. In that year they erected a wooden store at Parsons, which was replaced with a stone building in 1871. The store was destroyed by a fire on July 24, 1874 but it was quickly replaced with a new brick building. The brothers remained in the grocery business at Parsons until May 1880, when they closed out their stock and moved to Leadville, Colorado. In 1882 John returned to Parsons for health reasons.

(Illustrated on the following page)



7. **WM. HUDSON.**, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry &c., Winfield.

"3" Similar to Nos. 5 and 6 above, except that serial number is 37961. No information has surfaced on this firm. R-7

Note: No attempt has been made to record advertisements of Kansas Merchants printed on facsimile Confederate currency or broken bank notes.

COAL COMPANY SCRIP

A description of the 5¢ Oswego Coal Company note and several other denominations have turned up since 1980 as follows:

3. **THE WEAR COAL CO.**, Pittsburgh.

10¢ The 10¢ denomination has surfaced. Its design is nearly identical to the previously reported 5¢, except for the date. The 5¢ seen has a printed date of October 1, 1897, while the 10¢ appears to have a printed date of October 1, 1894. R-7

4. **OSWEGO COAL CO.**, Weir City.

5¢ 188__ printed, remainder of date to be written in. (Known dates, August 7, 1885 and July 8, 1886.) (L) Train in oval; "5" above and below. (C) and (R) Firm name, value and redemption clause. No maker's imprint. Identical to Roger's Coal Co., coal scrip No. 2. Back—(L) and (R) "5" CENTS in circle. (C) Ornate logo of firm name and location. Back is brown on white, while face design is black on white. R-7

10¢ Same as 5¢ above except for denomination. R-7

25¢ Same as 5¢ above except for denomination. R-7

50¢ Same as 5¢ above except for denomination. R-7

COLLEGE SCRIP

New notes

1. **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGES**, Western Branches at St. Joseph, Missouri and Topeka, Kansas. (*Illustrated on following page*)

\$100 Identical to the \$50 previously reported, except for the denomination. These notes have an ornate back with counters on rosettes at left and right of a large circle containing information about where the notes are current. R-7

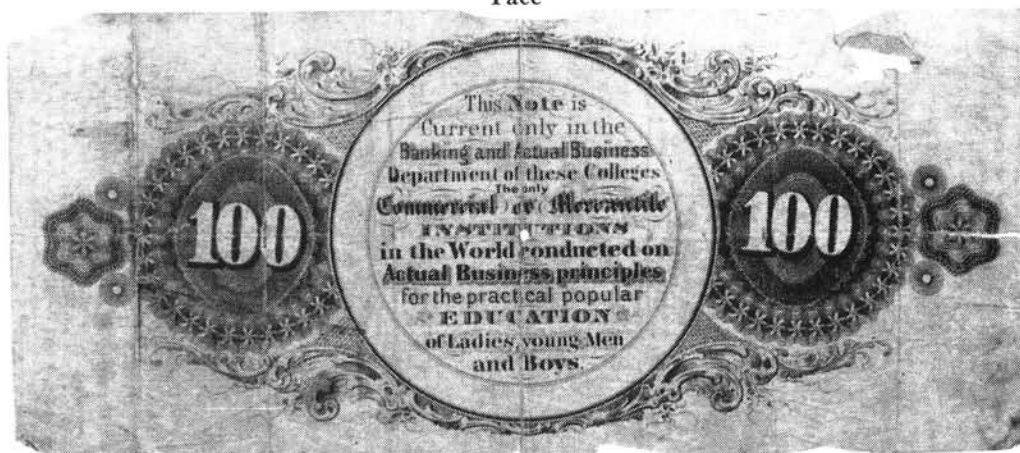
3. **KANSAS NORMAL COLLEGE BANK**, Fort Scott, Kansas.

\$5 Nov. 10, 1880; no plate letter. (L) Woman with torch speaking at a lecturn. (C) Small beehive at bottom. (R) Bust of Liberty, "5" on rosette above. Signatures, E.T. Ingham, Cashier; D.E. Sanders, President. Back—ornate design with "5" on rosette L and R. (C) Business ledgers and inkpot in oval, surrounded by legend. R-7

\$50 Plain, no vignettes. Back—vertically listed Presidents of the United States with historical notes from George Washington to Grover Cleveland. Circa 1886. At the bottom are the dates for the Fall and Winter terms, along with a list of expenses. Total cost for forty weeks room, board and tuition was \$115. R-7



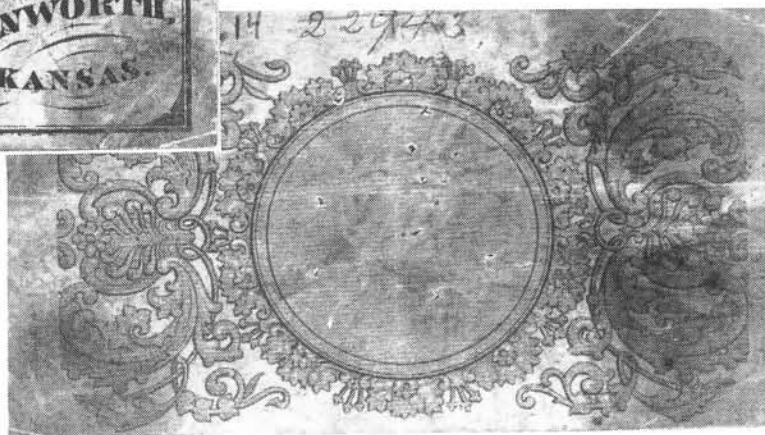
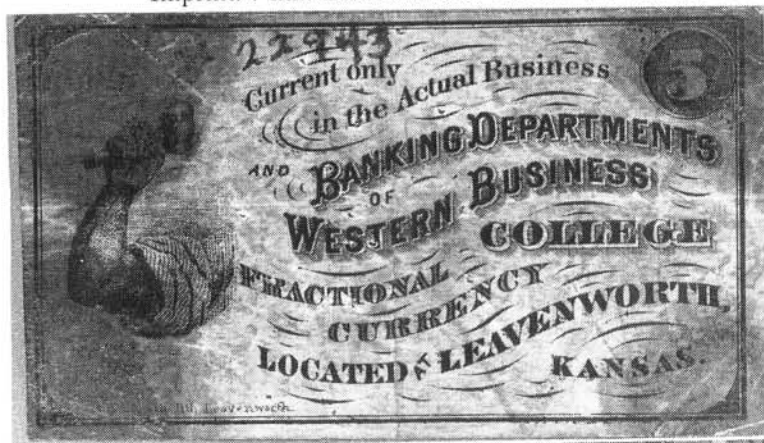
Face



Back

4. WESTERN BUSINESS COLLEGE.

- 5¢ Small-size. (L) Man's arm with hammer. (R) "5" in circle above. Back—ornate design around circle in center. Imprint: ? lith. Leavenworth. R-7



5. **FLORENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

- \$10 Large-size, plain, generic note. (L) "10." (R) "TEN." Printed "For use in the public schools, Florence, Kansas." R-7

6. **SOUTHWESTERN BUSINESS COLLEGE, Wichita, Kansas.**

- \$1 Not dated, no plate letter. (L) College building. (R) Sixteenth century mapmaker or navigator measuring distances on a globe, surrounded by books, etc., "1" above. Imprint: The Wichita Eagle, Lith. Uniface. R-7



- \$2 Same as above except for denomination. R-7
 \$5 Same as above except for denomination. R-7
 \$10 Same as above except for denomination. R-7
 \$50 Same as above except for denomination. R-7
 1¢ Small-size, no vignette, black on white w/red O.P. R-7
 3¢ Same as above except for denomination. R-7
 15¢ Same as above except for denomination. R-7
 "5" Generic, no school name or location. Small size, no "cents." Black on white by Ames, N.Y. Signed E.H. Fritch. R-7
 "10" Same as above except for denomination. R-7
 "5" No "cents," larger than the "5" above. (L) Large "5" over birds and flowers. R-7
 "20" Similar to above. (R) "20" on torn scroll. R-7

The principal of the Southwestern Business College was E.H. Fritch. In 1891 tuition at the school was \$50 for nine months of instruction. In addition to large-size and fractional-size scrip notes, colored cardboard tokens representing specific quantities of goods such as potatoes, salt, salmon, oatmeal, flour and cranberries exist.

7. **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MACAULAY'S COMMERCIAL INSTITUTE, Lawrence, Kansas.**

- \$3 ____187__ printed, balance of date to be written in. Plate letter "A." (L) Eagle, "3" above. (C) Dog and safe at bottom. Black on white with green overprint. Back—ornate design. (L&R) Deer head in oval. (C) Legend. Imprint: A. Gast & Co. Lith. St. Louis. R-7

The Lawrence Business College was established in 1869 by H.W. Macaulay as an institution for the theory and practice of commercial business. Macaulay remained in charge of the school until 1878, when he was succeeded by Mess'rs Bridge and Barringer. They, in turn, were replaced in 1882 by E.F. Boor and E.L. McIlravy. The college was located in a building owned by the National Bank of Lawrence, which was later purchased by the Lawrence National Bank. In 1882 the student population was 125.

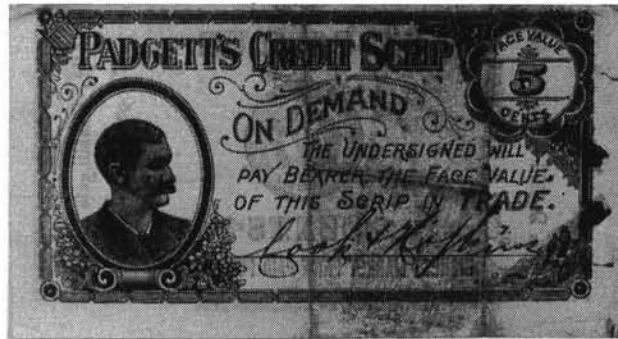
MERCHANDISE DUE BILLS

1. **V.F. FERGUSON**, Wichita, circa 1890s. The 1905-06 *Wichita City Directory* lists Virgil F. Ferguson, Union Pacific Tea Co., 1007 W. Douglas, 511 W. Douglas.
2. **KAUP AND TRUMBULL**, Riley, Kansas, circa 1890s. This was a grocery and dry goods firm.

All the notes are similar except for denomination. They were printed in green and in blue. The \$1 denomination is also reported in red. The back design consists of a farmer seated by a plow in a central oval with the

denomination to the left and right. The \$1 uses either a "1" or "\$" as the counter, creating two varieties. The rarity of the 25¢ and the \$1 should be changed to R-3.

3. **WILLIAM A. VOIGT**, location unknown, circa 1890s. These notes are printed in reddish brown ink.
4. **J.B. STRICKLAND**, location unknown, circa 1890s.
 10¢ No date. (L) Eagle on shield, 10¢ above. (C) The merchandise due bill redemption clause. (R) "10" above and below. Face printed in blue. Back—(L) and (R) "10" in ornate oval. (C) "CONDITIONS" in circle. Entire back is ornate brown on white. Imprint: For sale by Padgett Bros Inventors, Topeka, Kansas. This note is similar in design to the Wm. A. Voigt notes, No. 3 above. R-7
5. **COOK & HOPKINS**, location unknown, circa 1890s.
 5¢ No date. (L) Bust of man in oval. (C) Redemption clause, "PADGETT'S CREDIT SCRIP" above. Back—(C) Reverse of Liberty nickel. Printed both sides in violet on white. Imprint: Printed and for sale by J.M. Padgett, Phillipsburg, Kansas R-7



6. **LANDBLOOM & ROSEBERG**, location unknown, circa 1890s.
 \$2 No date. Design identical to Kaup & Trumbull notes, No. 2 above, except for denomination. R-7
7. **HERMAN & SHLANE**, location unknown, circa 1890s.
 5¢ No date. Probably identical to Kaup & Trumbull notes. Blanks could have been signed by anyone and it is anticipated that many more of these will surface with different names on them. R-7
8. Unissued **DUE BILL**, no location.
 5¢ No date. "Inter-Changeable Due Bill." Printed by Padgett Bros. Topeka, Kans. R-7
9. **A.D. WERTENBERGER**, location unknown, circa 1890s.
 10¢ No date. "Inter-Changeable Due Bill." For Sale by Padgett Bros Inventors, Topeka, Kans. Green on white. Identical design to No. 4 above. R-7

LABOR EXCHANGE SCRIP

BRANCH 223, Osage City, Kansas.

"5/100" unit. Printed date 1898, no plate letter. (L) Blind "JUSTICE." (C) Representation of the earth divided into work and rest day; "Labor Exchange" above. (R) 5/100 on circle. Back—train bringing progress and plenty through the legal tender tollgate, gold and silver being pulled out of the way. Green back. R-7

If the branches of this movement were numbered consecutively by state, which is unlikely, there would be at least 23 more branches for the state of Kansas still to be turned up. This is the only new piece of this scrip that has surfaced since the 1980 Kansas listing.

Denominations were in fractions of a unit of labor and probably all denominations were issued for each branch. Hopefully someone will discover and publish the records of the Labor Exchange Movement founded by Mr. DeBernidi. They should reveal where all of the branches were located and how much of this scrip was issued.

KANSAS DEPRESSION SCRIP

(pre-1930)

Since the excellent catalogue of *Depression Scrip of the 1930s* by Ralph Mitchell and Neil Shafer has become the standard reference for that period, only notes issued before 1930 will be updated in this and any future revisions by this writer. New discoveries of the 1930s era scrip issues from Kansas will be updated in the Mitchell-Shafer work. Rather than just listing new notes or information from the 1907-14 era in this section, a complete list of all of the known notes from that period is included.

ATCHISON

THE ATCHISON SAVINGS BANK No date, circa 1907 \$1, \$5, \$10.
Cashier's Checks. Black on white. Plain, with border. Rubber stamped dates seen from Nov. 19, 1907 to Dec. 17, 1907. Payable through Atchison Clearing House only. Trade Print. R-7

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK Nov. 1, 1907 \$1, \$2, \$5.
Cashier's Checks. Blue on gray, red serial number. Portrait of William Hetherington in oval at left. Uniface. Imprint: Union Bank Note Co., K.C. Mo. R-7

FIRST NATIONAL BANK Nov. 8, 1907 \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10.
Cashier's Checks. Black on white. "FNB" logo on rosette at left, two quail at bottom center. Uniface. Imprint: Union Bank Note Co., K.C. Mo. R-7

**GARDEN CITY**

THE U.S. SUGAR & LAND CO. 190__ \$10, \$20.
90-day 7 percent certificates. Circa 1907. Printed black on orange-yellow. Imprint: Trade Mark Registered in U.S. Pat. Office. R-7

INDEPENDENCE

CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK No date, circa 1907 \$5, \$20.
Cashier's Checks. The \$20 observed was stamped "SPECIMEN." Portrait of Washington in oval at left. Imprint: Combe Litho, St. Joseph, Mo. R-7

THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK No date, circa 1907 \$10, \$20.
Identical to Citizen's National Bank cashier's checks above with portrait of Washington at left. Stamped "SPECIMEN." Imprint: Combe Litho, St. Joseph, Mo. R-7

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK No date, circa 1907 \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10.
Identical to Commercial National and Citizen's National items above with portrait of Washington at left. Stamped "SPECIMEN." Imprint: Combe Litho, St. Joseph, Mo. R-7

NEWTON

CLEARING HOUSE CERTIFICATE OF NEWTON BANKS Aug. 4, 1914 \$1.
Payable "on or before Jan. 1, 1915." Signed by Bennett Grove, Trustee. Back—signature spaces for the presidents of the First National, The Midland National, and the Kansas State Bank of Newton. Imprint: Kansan Printing Co., 2569. R-7

PARSONS**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Nov. 12, 1907

\$1, \$5, \$10.

Cashier's Checks. Seal of the state in circle at left. Signed by E.B. Stevens, Cashier, or K. Barton, Ass't Cashier. Back—ornate border with instructions in center. Imprint: Union Bank Note Co., K.C. Mo. R-7

PARSONS COMMERCIAL BANK

Nov. 12, 1907

\$10.

No description. R-7

PITTSBURG**ASSOCIATED BANKS OF PITTSBURG**

No date, circa 1907

\$1, \$2, \$5, \$10.

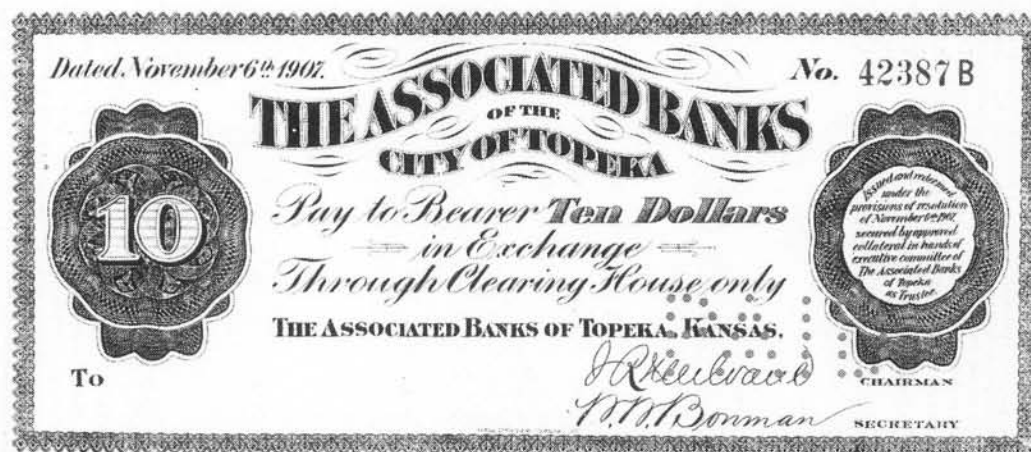
Certificates, stamped "SPECIMEN." Payable at the National Bank of Pittsburg, the First State Bank of Pittsburg, or the National Bank of Commerce in Pittsburg. Printed signature of H.C. Willard, Trustee. Back—ornate border, denomination at ends, large rosette at center with instruction, "Do not endorse this check." Imprint: Western Bank Note & Eng. Co., Chicago. R-7

TOPEKA**THE ASSOCIATED BANKS OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA**

Nov. 6, 1907

\$1, \$2, \$5, \$10.

Clearing House Certificates. The \$1 and \$2 are black on white. The \$5 and \$10 are printed in black on light blue paper. Rosettes at left and right with denomination at right. Payable through the Clearing House only. Uniface. Imprint: Hall Litho Co., Topeka. R-7

**WICHITA****CITIZENS STATE BANK**

No date, circa 1907

\$1

No location printed on this item. Chase Museum in 1941. R-7

NATIONAL BANK OF WICHITA

Nov. 1, 1907

\$1, \$2, \$5, \$10.

Cashier's Checks. Dog's head at lower center. Payable through the Wichita Clearing House. Black on white with fine green line overprint. Imprint: Western Litho Co., Wichita. R-7

NATIONAL BANK OF WICHITA

Nov. 1, 1907

\$25.

Cashier's Check. Plain, no vignettes. Imprint: Blaude D.(?) Funk Printing Co., Wichita. R-7

WICHITA CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Nov. 20, 1907

\$1, \$5, \$10.

Certificates. Face—black on white, plain design. Back—orange on white, ornate borders, young girl's portrait in center. Imprint: Western Litho Co., Wichita. R-7

(Illustrated on following page)

WICHITA CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Aug. 3, 1914

\$1, \$5, \$10.

Identical to 1907 issue except for dates. R-7

KNOWN SHEETS OF KANSAS OBSOLETE NOTES**LAWRENCE**

The Lawrence Bank

Nos. 215 and 216 (half sheet)

\$3A, 5A



LEAVENWORTH AND FORT LEAVENWORTH

The City of Leavenworth	Nos. 274, 276 & 277	\$1A, 1B, 2, 5
The City Bank	Nos. 289, 290 & 291	\$1A, 1B, 2A, 3A
The Drovers Bank	Nos. 118, 119 & 120	\$1A, 1B, 2A, 3A
The Drovers Bank	Nos. 121 & 122	\$5A, 5B, 5C, 10A
Merchants Bank	Nos. 132, 133, 134 & 135	\$1A, 2A, 5, 10A

LECOMPTON

The State Bank	Nos. 333, 334, 335 & 336	\$1A, 2A, 3A, 5A
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WYANDOTT

The Kansas State Savings Bank	Nos. 450 & 452 (part sheet)	\$2, 3
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Note: The \$1 note, No. 448, was cut from this sheet of proofs around 1979.

INDEX OF KANSAS NOTE AND SCRIP ISSUERS

Add the following issuers (does not include new 1930s scrip):

Caulkins, M.D., Garnett	Landbloom & Roseberg (questionable)
City of Independence	Macaulay's Commercial Institute, Lawrence
Cook & Hopkins	Newton Clearing House
Citizen's State Bank (change from Independence to Wichita)	Southwestern Business College
Beechler & Lewis (change from "Beecher" & Lewis)	Sipple Bros.
The Atchison Savings Bank, Atchison	J.B. Strickland
First National Bank, Atchison	Harvey Spaulding, Sutler, First Kansas Colored Volunteers
First National Bank, Parsons	Ulmer Smith & Co.
Florence Public Schools	Robert Wilson, Sutler, Fort Riley
Herman & Shlane (questionable)	Wm. Hudson
Labor Exchange Branch (add Branch 223)	A.D. Wertenberger (questionable)

Note: The issuers marked questionable may have been imaginary names added to blank forms.

INDEX OF KANSAS CITIES AND TOWNS

Add the following (does not include new 1930s scrip issues):

Florence	Garnett	Osage City	Riley	Delete:
Fort Riley	Newton	Phillipsburg	Winfield	Elwood

CENSUS DATA ON SELECTED KANSAS ISSUES

With the exception of the Union Military Scrip issues which have been preserved in large quantities, any Kansas obsolete note with genuine signatures is a great rarity. If merchant scrip issues survived in any quantity as unissued remainders, it is unlikely that it would have been worth the effort to add signatures in attempts to pass them, primarily because of their small face value and limited local circulation. In any case, Kansas merchant scrip issues are so scarce that they are virtually impossible to find in any condition, signed or unsigned.

Some issues by banks and municipalities present a different story. When quantities of unissued remainders of engraved currency fell into the hands of unscrupulous persons the temptation was often overwhelming. And thus, signatures and evidence of circulation were often added so that the notes could be passed off on an unwary public. This is exactly what happened, to a large extent, with the issues of the City of Leavenworth and the Kansas State Savings Bank of Wyandott. In fact, there is only one note known with genuine signatures from these issuers.

In a few cases, where remainders or samples of notes that had been issued by legitimate banks did survive, descendants of early signers and collectors of the past may have added spurious signatures or even forged the names of the genuine signers. These are fairly easy to detect when genuine copies of the signatures of officials, their terms of office, and correct serial number ranges of the notes are available.

The following information has been gathered over the past twenty years while tracking down Kansas notes. It is hoped that it will be useful to collectors and that it will lead to the reporting of additional notes and serial number data. The catalog numbers used herein refer to the 1980 SPMC book on Kansas obsolete notes and to this update.

ATCHISON

THE EXCHANGE BANK, Private Bank

- 21. \$1 Unique, spurious signatures added.
- 22. \$2 Unique, appears to be a proof or sample.
- 23. \$1 Unique, issued note, genuine signatures; ser. no. 112.

THE EXCHANGE BANK OF HETHERINGTON, Private Bank

- 31. \$1 Unique, issued note. Signature and ser. no. illegible.
- 32. \$1 Two known. Unissued remainders. False date and signature of Wm. Hetherington added to one of the notes.

THE KANSAS VALLEY BANK, Chartered Bank

- 41. \$3 Unique, issued note, genuine signatures; ser. no. 186.
- 42. \$5 Unique, issued note, genuine signatures; ser. no. 98?
- 43. \$10 Possibly unique, may be issued or unissued remainder.
- 44. \$20 Unique, appears unissued with added signatures.
- 45. \$50 Unissued remainders, three known; one has forged signatures and incorrect date added. Proof reported.
- 46. \$100 Unique, unissued remainder.

THE BANK OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, Chartered Bank

- 55. \$1 Proof, plate "B," unique.
Unissued remainder, plate "A," unique.
Issued note, genuine signatures, three known; ser. nos. 234, 1160 and illegible.
- 56. \$3 Unissued remainder, unique.
- 57. \$5 Unissued remainder, unique.
- 58. \$10 Unissued remainder, unique.

INDEPENDENCE

THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, Municipal Scrip (machine stamped serial numbers)

- 180. \$1 Issued note, genuine signatures, unique; ser. no. 3429.

LAWRENCE**THE LAWRENCE BANK**, Chartered Bank

213. \$1 Unissued remainder, four known.
Issued note, 11-1-62, three known; ser. nos. 864, 1009 & 1106.
214. \$2 Unissued remainder, six known.
Issued note, 7-1-61, two known; ser. nos. 674 and illegible.
Issued note, 11-1-62, three known; ser. nos. 819, 1021 and 1100.
215. \$3 Unissued remainder, ten known.*
Issued note, 7-1-61, two known; both are illegible.
216. \$5 Unissued remainder, eight known.*
No genuine issued notes have surfaced.

Note: * One of the \$3 and one of the \$5 unissued remainders have false signatures and an 1857 date added.

THE BANK OF WM. H.R. LYKINS, Private Bank

225. 5¢ Unique, issued note, genuine signature; ser. no. 1242.
226. \$1 Unissued remainders, two known.
227. \$1 Unique, issued note, genuine signature; ser. no. 833?
228. \$2 Unissued remainder, six known (one is dated 1864 and has a signature added).
229. \$3 Unissued remainder, three known.

SIMPSON BROTHERS BANK, Private Bank

252. \$1 Unissued remainder, unique.
253. \$1 Samples or reprints? Four known.
254. \$1 Unissued remainder, unique.

LEAVENWORTH**THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH**, Municipal Scrip

274. \$1 High ser. no. recorded is 2552.
275. \$2 High ser. no. recorded is 2401.
276. \$5 High ser. no. recorded is 2663.

CLARK, GRUBER & CO., Private Bank

301. \$1 Issued notes, genuine signature, two known; ser. nos. 3260 & 5642.
302. \$1 Issued notes, genuine signature, three known; ser. nos. 1407, 2982 and 4515. (Serial numbers printed were 1-12,500.)

BANKING HOUSE OF J.W. MORRIS, Private Bank

311. 5¢ Unique, issued note, genuine countersignature.
312. \$1 Unique, may be issued or unissued remainder.

SCOTT, KERR & CO., Private Bank

322. \$1 Proof, plate A, unique.
Issued note, genuine signature, three known; ser. nos. 1397, 1546 and 8771.
323. \$1 Issued note, genuine signature, four known; ser. nos. 11258, 12994, 13966 and 19204.

Note: The signature of "Lucien Scott, Pres't" is engraved on the plate.

TOPEKA**R.H. FARNHAM, BANKER**, Private Bank

406. 5¢ Unissued remainder, unique.
407. 5¢ Proof of sample, unique.
408. 10¢ Unissued remainder, unique.
Issued note, genuine signature, unique; ser. no. 960.
409. 10¢ Proof or sample, unique.
410. 25¢ Unissued remainder, unique.

411. 25¢ Unissued remainder, unique.
 Issued note, genuine signature, unique; ser. no. 188 over 187.
 412. 50¢ Proof or sample, unique.
 413. 50¢ Unknown.

UNION MILITARY SCRIP, Municipal Scrip

421. \$1 High ser. no. recorded 25533.
 422. \$5 High ser. no. recorded 6554.
 423. \$10 Proof, unique.
 High ser. no. recorded 14669.
 424. \$20 High ser. no. recorded 6770.
 425. \$50 High ser. no. recorded 1531.
 426. \$100 High ser. no. recorded 905.

WYANDOTT**KANSAS STATE SAVINGS BANK**, Chartered Savings Bank

447. \$1 Unissued remainder, high ser. no. recorded 9351.
 Issued note, genuine signatures, unique; ser. no. 17.
 449. \$2 Unissued remainder, high ser. no. recorded 9992.
 451. \$3 Unissued remainder, high ser. no. recorded 8964.

THE CITY OF WYANDOTT, Municipal Scrip

436. \$1 Unissued remainders, seven known; ser. nos. 10773, 10866, 11292, 15622, 15652 and 15666. One has no ser. no.
 437. \$2 Unissued remainders, six known; ser. nos. 2372, 5644, 5661, 5682, 6160 and 6835.

In most cases the data presented here represent actual notes or photographs seen. Some of the information was obtained from reports or records. There are undoubtedly more Kansas notes waiting to be discovered, or to resurface after long years in dormant collections. Additional data will make us more informed collectors and researchers; we will then know when we are adding new information to the body of historical knowledge. With more information we can better interpret the story that these elusive bits of history have to tell.

Many kind folks helped with information and reports of new notes. All illustrations are courtesy of the Kansas State Historical Society or photographed by the writer.

If you have any serial numbers or notes not reported here, please inform the writer through this magazine.

TIGERTON, WISCONSIN

SERIES OF 1929

MISMATCHED CHARTER NUMBER



THE PAPER COLUMN

by Peter Huntoon



KEITH Edison recently purchased a \$10 Series of 1929 type II note from the First National Bank of Tigerton, Wisconsin, charter 14150. Much to his delight, he found that the brown charter number overprinted on the upper right on the face was incorrectly set at 12150 instead of 14150. This mismatch error occurs in the "D" plate position, 4th note down on the sheet.

It is likely that this error involved every note from the 4th position in the printing from which this note came, including not only the \$10s, but also the \$5s and \$20s as well. This note, serial A001486, was delivered to the Comptroller of the Currency on August 11, 1934, as part of an order for the bank that included the following notes.

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The Great NITROGLYCERIN Robbery

(From "The Pioneer Western Bank—First of Denver:
1860-1980")

Submitted by BOB COCHRAN



The First National Bank of Denver.

DURING the first hundred years of its existence the First National Bank of Denver experienced only one robbery. But one such as this was enough to last a century. March 29, 1889 was the date. *The Rocky Mountain News*, on March 30, said:

Never in the history of Denver has there been so great a sensation sprung upon an unsuspecting public. . . . Never since the gold discoveries thirty years ago has there been such a great excitement on the streets of this city. . . .

Not even in the exciting days when Denver was the wildest of frontier towns, and since those days, has there been a single topic which proves so prolific a source of conversation as the occurrence at the First National Bank. . . .

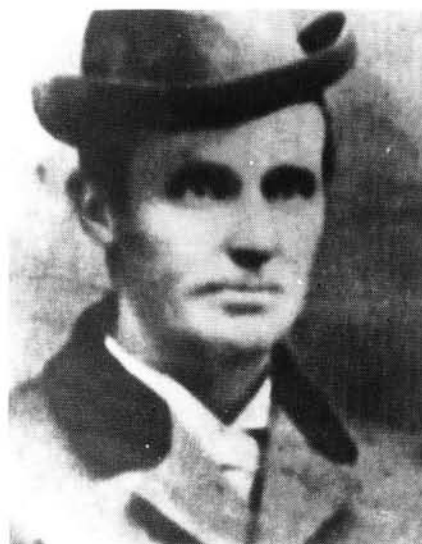
It was a robbery. But the robbery was of so bold and daring character that it startled the whole community and spread like wildfire.

Within a few minutes the walks and streets in the vicinity of the bank were crowded, and in less than an hour for a dozen blocks around there was one large, excited crowd discussing all the features of the affair and expressing their opinion of various phases of it as more and more of the details, distorted to a greater or less extent, became noised about.

The story of the affair is as follows: Thursday [March 28], a young and well dressed man called at the office of President Moffat at Rio Grand [Railroad] headquarters and asked for an

interview. Mr. Moffat was not in and the party called about 10:30 yesterday [Friday] morning. On this occasion Mr. Moffat happened to be present. The party, who introduced himself as Mr. C.J. Wells, in a point blank manner told Mr. Moffat that there was an attempt about to be made to rob or defraud the bank and as the scheme was a new one, he desired an interview to be strictly private, at which he could fully detail the methods to be employed in duping the bank. An appointment was made for 1:00 in the President's office at the bank.

About that hour Mr. Moffat . . . walked down to the bank and entered his private office. He had scarcely seated himself at the desk when Wells came into the room, and closing the door behind him he sat down at Mr. Moffat's side.



Tom McCarty, alias "C.J. Wells."

"Is your cashier, Mr. Wood, around?" queried the visitor. Mr. Moffat replied that Mr. Wood had gone to lunch. "Then I suppose I may as well tell you about this right away," said Wells. "Have you a blank check here?"

There was none on the President's desk and he called a messenger and asked to have a blank check brought in. No sooner had the messenger performed this errand and retired, than the stranger reached into his inside coat pocket, and instead of bringing forth the papers which Mr. Moffat expected, imagine the latter gentleman's amazement to confront the gleaming barrel of a .44, which he says appeared as large as a cannon. With this came a demand to fill out a check for \$21,000.

The expostulations and arguments of Mr. Moffat were of no avail; indeed they only served to make the man more determined, for he told Mr. Moffat he had counted the cost of what he was doing; that he was a desperate man and must have the \$21,000; that he knew well that if he should be caught his life would be worthless, and that it was merely a question of the money or two lives, for he would kill Mr. Moffat and then himself. The affrightened President, seeming to hesitate, the murderous robber reached into another pocket and produced a small bottle of nitroglycerin, as he declared and said that unless he got the money he would blow up the whole building after he had killed Mr. Moffat. The President filled out and signed the check for the desired amount. Then after considerable parley the man demanded that Mr. Moffat go out to [the] paying teller's desk and order the money put up and brought in. When Mr. Moffat did this the fellow kept close at the former's heels with the pistol concealed underneath his overcoat trained upon Mr. Moffat's head.



D.H. Moffat, president of the First National Bank of Denver.

Mr. Moffat went inside the desk and up to the railing around the teller's department and handing in the check asked that the money be put up and brought to his office. At the same time he whispered, "This man is a thief," but could not make the teller understand. They went back to the President's room and after a minute or two the robber became impatient, and demanded Mr. Moffat order the teller to hurry up. This he did.

The money was brought in, examined by Wells, placed in his pockets, the bills in his inside coat pocket and the gold inside his trousers, where a receptacle had evidently been made.

Then the fellow backed out of the door into the bank proper, and out of the street door onto 17th Street. Mr. Moffat immediately rushed out and gave the alarm. Messrs. S.T. Smith and Captain Campbell started to catch the fellow, but in their excitement got hold of the wrong person. Then came the lively scenes in and about the bank and the vicinity. The police arrived, the crowds gathered, and all was excitement.

The above is the newspaper account of the robbery. Moffat, paying teller Tommie Keely, and others had variations, additions, or added details, but it is certain that a man, using the name C.J. Wells, dressed in a tan overcoat, carrying a large calibre revolver and a flask holding a clear



Paying teller Tommy Keely, who didn't understand Moffat's whispered message that the bank was being robbed.

liquid, entered Moffat's bank office after making an appointment at Moffat's railroad office (Moffat was president of both). The man did use the pretext that he knew of a plan to rob the bank, coerced Moffat to write a check for \$21,000, and then had the check cashed, receiving bills and gold.

The paying teller, Thomas Keely (later a vice president and director of the bank), made a most important disclosure during his interview with *The Rocky Mountain News*: "We had a \$10,000 [gold note] bill that I was anxious to get rid of, so I put that in [the \$21,000 in gold coin and currency]," Tommie reported.

On March 31, the *Denver Republican* reported that Wells had made good his escape and that his tan overcoat, a .44 calibre revolver (Moffat had said that the barrel looked to him to be "big enough to sleep in"), and a bottle of sweet oil (not nitroglycerin as represented) had been recovered in a hallway "a few doors up Larimer."

C.J. Wells was never found, and no arrests were ever made in the case. However, strong evidence suggests that the man posing as Wells was Thomas C. McCarty, leader of the Blue Mountain gang. McCarty had ridden with the notorious Cole Younger before forming his own gang consisting of his brother Billy, his nephew Fred, Matt Warner and George



Proof impression of a Series 1882 \$10,000 gold certificate. This was the type of "yaller" bill that was included in the robbery.



McCarty's alleged accomplice in the robbery, George Leroy Parker (later known as "Butch Cassidy").

Leroy Parker (who was subsequently known by the alias he used a few years later—Butch Cassidy). Five different sources state that McCarty was C.J. Wells and that he had an accomplice in the street outside the bank—George Leroy (Butch Cassidy) Parker. The two of them reportedly rode from the robbery to Star Valley, a remote hideaway on the Wyoming-Idaho border. Matt Warner later opened a saloon there. The wall at the back of the bar was papered with currency of every denomination. In the center was a \$10,000 bill that was said to have been a part of the First National robbery, which the outlaws knew they could never spend because the bank had a record of its serial number.

Huntoon (Continued from page 158)

\$5	A001633-5376	3744 notes	624 mismatches
\$10	A000697-2592	1896 notes	316 mismatches
\$20	A000193- 516	324 notes	54 mismatches.

However, only the following notes were issued before the series was discontinued in 1935.

\$5	A001633-4218	2586 notes	431 mismatches
\$10	A000697-2140	1444 notes	241 mismatches
\$20	A000193- 438	246 notes	41 mismatches.

It is clear from the National Currency and Bond Ledgers maintained by the Comptroller of the Currency that this error was not caught, otherwise the misprinted sheets would have been cancelled. From the data presented here, it appears likely that 713 of these interesting errors entered circulation in the three different denominations.

The only other mismatched charter number that I am aware of is a 3406/3046 mismatch on the \$5 series of 1902 blue seal, plain back issues of The National Bank of Savannah, Georgia, Charter 3406. The two reported examples of this one are shown on page 394 of the fourth edition of Hessler's *Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money*. Both of these occur on the E, or top position, of the sheet,



Illustration from the Rocky Mountain News, depicting "Wells" ordering Moffat to "SIGN THAT CHECK!"

The \$10,000 gold (yellow) bill, referred to as the "yaller" bill, proved to be the key evidence in linking McCarty (and Cassidy) to the robbery. Tom McCarty lived to old age and in an interview admitted the theft. He had retired from robbing banks in 1890 after his brother and his nephew were both killed when the gang tried, unsuccessfully, to rob the bank in Delta, Colorado.

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and the left number is the one that was incorrectly set at 3046. ■

KNOW HIS BUSINESS

From *The Bankers Magazine*
Submitted by BOB COCHRAN

Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury, was discussing with a correspondent a financial muddle.

"They lied," said the famous financier, "but, as with Hugh Ralston of Castana, their lying was absurd. When I was in the banking business in Charter Oak there was a young coal heaver who courted a Charter Oak girl. His name was Hugh Ralston and he pretended to be a banker.

"But one afternoon the girl happened to visit Castana and she saw Hugh hurrying home for supper, as black as the ace of spades. He would have dodged past without speaking, but the girl held him up.

"'Why, Hugh,' she said, reproachfully, 'I thought you were a banker!'

"He heaved a kind of sigh.

"'Ah,' he said, 'we've had a terrible day of it today, cleaning all the ink wells.'"



Interest Bearing Notes

Richard J. Balbaton

Hello again. Once again the hobby of paper money collecting has lost a great supporter. Al Latson of Howell, Michigan, died of an apparent heart attack on July 8 while enroute to the American Numismatic Association Summer Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a past president of the Paper Money Collectors of Michigan and he was active in coin clubs in his area. I can recall a transaction with him that took place back in 1983 at a show in San Diego, California. Acting as agent for a client back home, he allowed me to acquire not one but two A.M.C. specimen booklets of the Japan "A" issue in a single lot. These, along with some individual notes in the same group, made for a very exciting transaction indeed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Latson and family.

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On a hot day this past July, Mrs. B and I had occasion to visit Q. David Bowers, of Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc. at his office in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. The purpose of our visit was the presentation of SPMC Literary Awards to Michael J. Hodder and Dave Bowers for their book *The Standard Catalogue of Encased Postage Stamps*. No doubt some of you might ask what that has to do with paper money. To that I must reply that to my knowledge the strongest buyers of EPS are active paper money collectors. For this reason it was felt that we would be remiss if we didn't recognize the effort that went into producing this book. According to Dave the effort was 15 percent his and 85 percent Michael's.

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While on the subject of books, have you seen the latest effort by our immediate Past President Roger H. Durand entitled *Interesting Notes about History*? In this 170-page book Roger gives the background story of the historical vignettes that appear on many of our obsolete bank notes.

You don't have to be a history buff to appreciate this book, and I'm confident you'll pass many pleasant hours while reading it. It is available from the author, or your favorite dealer should be able to help you acquire your copy. While you're at it, you might also seek out a copy of his book *Interesting Notes About Denominations*.

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I hope that you've marked your calendar for the upcoming 5th Annual National & World Paper Money Convention in St. Louis. The dates are Nov. 8-10 and it is being held at the convention center. This show is jointly sponsored by the Professional Currency Dealers Association, the SPMC and our sister organization, The International Banknote Society. Our exhibit chairman John Wilson has promised us some

great exhibits, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

'Til next time, happy collecting!

NLG Awards for Paper Money People at the ANA

SPMC members were among the recipients of literary awards by the Numismatic Literary Guild at the American Numismatic Association convention in Seattle.

The Moneymakers International by Willibald Kranister was selected as the best world paper money book. *An Illustrated History of U.S. Loans* by Gene Hessler was picked as the best U.S. paper money book.

The best paper money article in a U.S. commercial numismatic magazine went to Gene Hessler for "Altered with a Reason" in *COINage*, September 1989. The best article in a world commercial numismatic magazine was awarded to Richard Hanscom for "Safeguarding the Currency, Optically Variable Ink" in *World Coin News*.

ANA Exhibit Awards

For competitive exhibits the following awards were made.

U.S. Paper Money: 1, William F. Reulbach; 2, John P. Young; 3, Steve Taylor.

Obsolete U.S. Paper Money: 1, Robert C. Schreiner; 2, Tom Sheehan; (no 3rd place award).

World Paper Money: 1, Gene Hessler; 2, Col. Joe Boling; 3, Vincent Alones.

Local Interest: 1, Col. Joe Boling; 3, Les Albright.

In the Young Numismatist category only a first place award was given; it went to Laura Lewis.

Exhibitors Invited

The following notice was received from John Wilson, Exhibit Chairman:

The Fifth National & World Paper Money Convention will be held Thursday, November 8, 1990 through Sunday, November 11, 1990, at the St. Louis, Missouri-Cervantes Convention Center. The convention is being hosted by the Professional Currency Dealers Association/Society of Paper Money Collectors/International Bank Note Society. The Paper Money Convention is being held in conjunction with the Silver Dollar Convention. Both conventions will be in separate rooms, under the same roof.

I would like to invite you to exhibit your paper money (or related items) at this prestigious event. We have an unlimited number of all state size cases available. We would like to get as many educational and quality exhibits as we can—covering all areas of the paper money field. All the exhibits will be non-competitive. If you have exhibited at this convention in the past, I would appreciate a different exhibit for this show. First class awards will be presented at the Exhibitor's Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday morning. Send me the following information if you want to exhibit: Your name & address, exhibit title and number of all state cases needed. Send to: John Wilson, P.O. Box 27185, Milwaukee, WI. 53227. Security will be provided by the PCDA. For information on either the host hotel (Holiday Inn) or the convention write: Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI. 53201, Phone: 414 282-2388. Hope to hear from you soon.



NEW MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

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- 7980 Roy Logomarsino, P.O. Box 881266, San Francisco, CA 94188; C, U.S. currency.
- 7981 Robert W. McGowan III, 9581 Tropical Park Place, Boca Raton, FL 33428; C, U.S. currency.
- 7982 Jay Steinberg, 161-03 Normal Rd., Jamaica, NY 11432; C, Lg-size U.S. error notes.
- 7983 Bruce Arnett, Rt. 8, Box 105, Columbia, MO 65202; C.
- 7984 Francis C. Marinelli, 8 Cardinal Place, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549; C.
- 7985 Du Vall Auction House, 9201 Iona Ct., Louisville, KY 40291; C&D.
- 7986 James D. Moul, 2003-A Chateau, Harrisonville, MO 64701.
- 7987 Linwood Johnson, 5455 N. Sheridan Rd. #1511, Chicago, IL 60640; C.
- 7988 Jack Chew, 2513 W. Second St., Roswell, NM 88201; D, U.S. currency.
- 7989 Thomas A. Pelton, 4701-102 Drummond Blvd., Kentwood, MI 49508; C, U.S. fractionals & Yugoslavia.
- 7990 Kenneth Ferguson, 1551 Creekbed Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17110; C&D, \$2 notes.
- 7991 Frank H. Payne, 222 Gainesville Dr., Warwick, RI 02886; C, U.S. lg. & sm. size.
- 7992 Jack R. Gregg, 449 Harris Dr. #102E, Coppell, TX 75019; C, Col., Cont., & U.S. lg. size notes.
- 7993 Marilyn Reback, 7530 Vineland Trl., Colorado Springs, CO, 80911.
- 7994 Tony T. Hill, P.O. Box 586413, Oceanside, CA 92056; D, U.S. currency.
- 7995 John F. Hay, P.O. Box 69, Gilbert, AZ 85234; C, Western and Central Ill. nationals.
- 7996 Robert Wester, 608 Alton Woods, Concord, NH 03301.
- 7997 Lloyd Ford, 59 C Subway, P.O. Box 1538, Bisbee, AZ 85603-2538.
- 7998 Ed Lipson, 48 Apple Tree Ln., North Haven, CT 06473; C, Revenue checks.
- 7999 Daniel Denardo, P.O. Box 100682, Anchorage, AK 99510; C&D, U.S. notes.
- 8000 Quinton H. Hartt, HC 68, Box 42, Chopin, LA 71412-09708; D, Obsolete & nationals.
- 8001 James F. Schesser, Jr., 530 W. 16th, Horton, KS 66439; C, U.S.S.R. & China.
- 8002 Gary Eldon Lea, Box 6884, San Jose, CA 95150-6884; C, \$1 notes.
- 8003 James W. Landers, Box 1002 Black Canyon Stage, Phoenix, AZ 85027.
- 8004 Lynn H. Bissell, 28 Walnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820; C, Scrip & obsolete Otsego & Delaware Cnty., NY notes.
- 8005 Douglas Pollock, PO Box 481314, Los Angeles, CA 90048; C, U.S. type notes.
- 8006 John J. Fern, 5561 Windridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45248; C.
- 8007 Lonnie R. Martin, 2700 W. 16th, Apt. 521, Amarillo, TX 79102; C, Confederate, Republic of TX & fract.

- 8008 Gregory M. Hughes, 742 93rd Ave. N., Naples, FL 33963; CSA, U.S. obsoletes, especially GA, lg-size nationals.
- 8009 Lou Narke, 1301 N. Elm St. #4, Creston, IA 50801; C, Iowa currency.
- 8010 Michael Massey, P.O. Box 3876, Oak Park, IL 60301; C, Lg. size U.S., CSA & fractionals.
- 8011 Robert Ares, 220 Sofie Dr., Lutz, FL 33549; C&D, FL obsoletes & CSA.
- 8012 Richard L. Michaud, P.O. Box 2182, Madison, WI 53701-2182; C, U.S. incl. star notes & \$2 notes.
- 8013 Terry E. Nield, #5-1209 Woodland Dr., Vancouver, BC, Canada V5L 3S2; C, World currency.
- 8014 Richard T. Hooper Jr., P.O. Box 106, Newfoundland, PA 18445; C&D, U.S. obsoletes, colonials, fractionals, CSA & states.
- 8015 Kenneth S. Gross, 6 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003; PA, NJ & DE Nat. BN.
- 8016 J. Ralph Sowell Jr., 330 Commerce Park Dr., Jackson, MS 39213; C, U.S.
- 8017 Charles Charette, 616 Stafford Ave., Scranton, PA 18505; C, World currency.
- 8018 Peter Verhoeff, P.O. Box 10424, Glendale, CA 91204; C.
- 8019 L.D. Mitchell, P.O. Box 5100, Laurel Center Station, Laurel, MD 20707; C, Radar notes & overprints.
- LM103 Steven R. Jennings, conversion to life membership from #2714.

NEW LITERATURE

A History of Binghamton Banking, by William S. Chittenden. Published in 1986 by Broome County Historical Society, 30 Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905; \$8 plus \$1.50 for mailing. Address book requests to Marjory B. Hinman, Librarian.

This 34-page booklet is based on a presentation Mr. Chittenden made to the Broome County Historical Society on May 20, 1981. That year marked the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the first bank in Binghamton, and Mr. Chittenden provides an excellent survey and chronology of the institutions in the county during that period.

The booklet is printed on very high quality paper, and contains over 30 superior quality photographs; these include several prominent bankers, interesting interior views of bank buildings, and newspaper advertisements. However, paper money collectors will appreciate the numerous superb illustrations of bank notes. Included are issued and proof examples of obsolete notes, and some remarkable national currency notes.

The front cover illustrates a \$20, 1902 Series note issued by The City National Bank of Binghamton, serial number 1. The back cover depicts two notes: a \$1 Original Series note issued by The National Broome County Bank of Binghamton, and a \$5 note from the Binghamton Bank, issued in 1840. Included in the booklet is an illustration of a \$2 Original Series note issued by The Merchants National Bank of Binghamton, also serial number 1!

Our members who collect New York notes will consider this booklet a necessary addition to their libraries, and anyone who appreciates local banking history and beautiful illustrations of notes should want a copy.

Submitted by Bob Cochran

Paper Money will accept classified advertising from members only on a basis of 15¢ per word, with a minimum charge of \$3.75. The primary purpose of the ads is to assist members in exchanging, buying, selling, or locating specialized material and disposing of duplicates. Copy must be non-commercial in nature. Copy must be legibly printed or typed, accompanied by prepayment made payable to the Society of Paper Money Collectors, and reach the Editor, Gene Hessler, P.O. Box 8147, St. Louis, MO 63156 by the tenth of the month preceding the month of issue (i.e. Dec. 10 for Jan./Feb. issue). Word count: Name and address will count as five words. All other words and abbreviations, figure combinations and initials count as separate. No check copies. 10% discount for four or more insertions of the same copy. Sample ad and word count.

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(22 words: \$2: SC: U.S.: FRN counted as one word each)

STOCK CERTIFICATES & BONDS—buy and sell! Current catalog of interesting certificates for sale, \$1. Buying all—but especially interested in early Western certificates. Ken Prag, Box 531PM, Burlingame, CA 94011, phone (415) 566-6400.
(149)

ALBANY & TROY, NEW YORK NATIONAL WANTED. Also Altamont, Cohoes, Ravena, Watervliet, West Troy, Lansingburgh, Castleton. Describe or ship with price or offer. William Panitch, P.O. Box 12845, Albany, NY 12212.
(149)

NEW YORK NATIONALS WANTED FOR PERSONAL COLLECTION: TARRYTOWN 364, MOUNT VERNON 8516, MAMARONECK 5411, Rye, Mount Kisco, Hastings, Croton on Hudson, Pelham, Somers, Harrison, Ossining, Yonkers, White Plains, Irvington, Peekskill, Bronxville, Ardsley, Crestwood, New Rochelle, Elmsford, Scarsdale, Larchmont, Port Chester, Tuckahoe. Send photocopy; price. Frank Levitan, 530 Southern Blvd., Bronx, NY 10455. (212) 292-6803. (150)

WANTED FOR MY PERSONAL COLLECTION: Large & small-size national currency from Atlantic City, NJ. Don't ship, write first, describe what you have for sale. Frank J. Iacovone, P.O. Box 266, Bronx, NY 10465-0266.
(156)

MANHATTAN COMPANY, Chase Manhattan Bank and Aaron Burr material wanted. Obsoletes, checks, nationals, books, stocks, bonds, fiscal paper items, etc. Write: Thomas Buda, P.O. Box 315, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.
(149)

WANTED: Obsoletes, checks, stocks, bonds, etc. with Ben Franklin pictured. Send photocopy or description with price. Phil W. Greenslet, Box 377, Reisterstown, MD 21136.
(149)

WANTED: INVERTED BACK ERROR NOTES!! Private collector needs any note in any condition. Please help. Send note, photo, or description with your price. Lawrence C. Feuer, 22 Beechwood Blvd., Rye Brook, NY 10573.
(155)

1907 CLEARING HOUSE scrip and checks wanted. Need examples from most states as well as Georgia, Iowa, South Carolina, Texas and Florida. Send notes and information for my immediate cash offer. I have a few duplicates for trade or sale. Tom Sheehan, P.O. Box 14, Seattle, WA 98111.
(150)

WANTED, INFORMATION ON: \$1, 1865 1st NB of YPSILANTI. I have found three auction listings of this note. Grinnell 2016 Gd & 4245 Fair; & Kosoff 517 Gd (10/26/71). Are these listings the same note or is there more than one known? David Davis, P.O. Box 205, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.
(152)

SERIAL NUMBER ONE NOTES AND SHEETS WANTED of United States Type and Nationals. Also Michigan First Charters, Michigan #1 and Kalamazoo, Michigan Nationals. Paying collector prices. Jack H. Fisher, 3123 Bronson Blvd., Kalamazoo, MI 49008.
(152)

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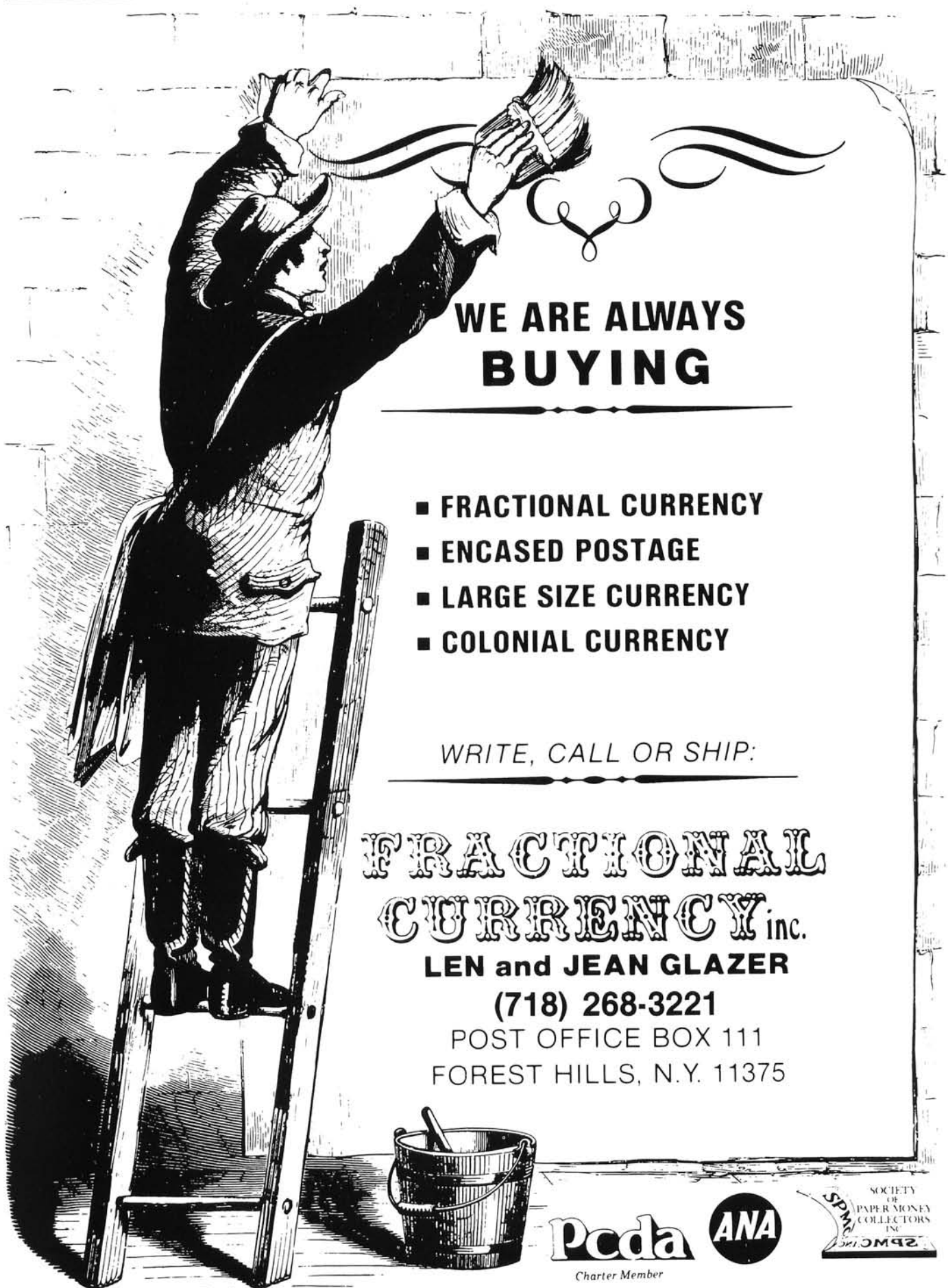


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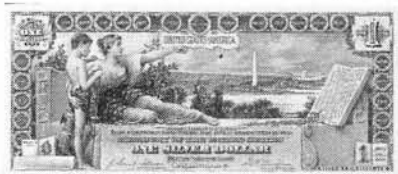
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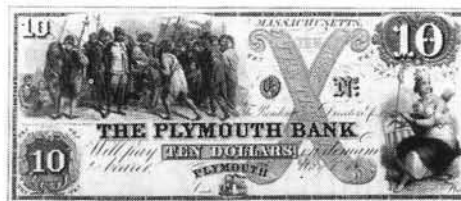
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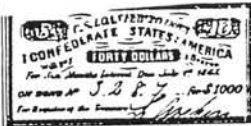
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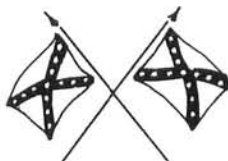
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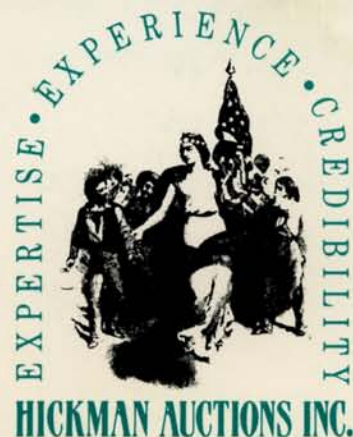
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